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*Time Out*

# Varsity Cheer Scores At NCA Summer Camp



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The varsity cheer squad from Apache Junction High School scored big at this Summer's National Cheer Association camp held July 15-18 at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

The AJHS girls brought home another Herkie Team Award, two SPOT awards, an award for Technical Excellence, three Superior ribbons and one Excellent ribbon for their performances, the Overall Spirit Megaphone Award voted on by other cheer squads at the camp, a Spirit Stick and a bid to the National Championships.

As for individual awards at the NCA camp, Liz Van Dyke and Nicole Copley were chosen All-American Cheer Squad members, Chyna Gade picked up the Leadership Award, Van

Dyke also earned the NCA Staff Offer, and Brittany Weese, Nicole Schmidt, Tiffani Hernandez, Lauren Stewart, Gade, Janie Hoyt, Nikki Dillon, Kara Geil, Van Dyke, Copley and Kelli Peterson were selected All-American Cheer Squad nominees.

Other varsity cheer squad members for the 2009-10 season include Brittany Rials, Shelby Williams, Amanda Woodgrift, Jessie Schroeder, Taylor Harvey, Brooke Gloor and Desiree Garcia, and the squad is coached by Natalie Celis in her first season at the helm.

Two weeks ago, we told you about the junior varsity cheer squad awards picked up at the same NCA camp. In all, it was another tremendous and very successful summer for the AJHS cheer squads.

Your first opportunity to



*The AJHS varsity cheer squad featuring captain Chyna Gade, co-captain Kara Geil and squad members Liz Van Dyke, Nicole Copley, Brittany Weese, Nicole Schmidt, Tiffani Hernandez, Lauren Stewart, Janie Hoyt, Nikki Dillon, Kelli Peterson, Brittany Rials, Shelby Williams, Amanda Woodgrift, Jessie Schroeder, Taylor Harvey, Brooke Gloor and Desiree Garcia had a tremendous and successful performance at the National Cheer Association summer camp held July 15-18 at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. The award-winning cheer squad is coached Natalie Celis.*

**It's Here!**

There are four football games this week to satisfy your pigskin hunger. Apache Junction's freshmen team starts things off hosting Gilbert Campo Verde this Wednesday at Davis Field with kickoff scheduled for 6 p.m. On Thursday, the AJHS junior varsity plays at Campo Verde and against former Prospector head coach Max Ragsdale, also a 6 p.m. kickoff, and on Friday, the Prospectors open the varsity football season at Davis Field hosting Prescott Valley Bradshaw Mountain while the Apache Trail Wolfpack, members of the Arizona Charter Athletic Association, kick off their season of eight-man tackle football by hosting Yuma Harvest Prep at Prospector Park. Kickoff for both Friday games is at 7 p.m.

**Hot Rod?**

Two weeks ago, Hot Rod shoots a round of 75 in our Thursday golf outing but this past week, as one of my playing partners and teammates, Hotless Rod barely breaks 90, ties Yip-pee (Yes, that guy with the full swing yips), and cost me 10 bucks. Hey, I did my part, shooting 79 at Eagle Mountain Golf Club.

Rodraig Harrington, as I call him ever since PGA tour player Padraig Harrington posted those dreaded snowmen in back-to-back professional tournaments, hit some of the biggest banana slices you will ever see. How can a guy who can hit a five hundred yard drive (three out and two sideways) tie a guy who hit three drives that totaled ten yards?

# Prospectors Near Perfect In Football Scrimmage

Open season this Friday at home vs. Bradshaw Mtn.

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By most accounts, last Wednesday's pre-season football scrimmage at Peoria Sunrise Mountain went about as well as it could have for the Prospector varsity team. No major injuries. Two offensive series and two touchdowns. A defense that held the Mustangs in check. An offensive line and a handful of talented running backs that may be as good as advertised. A junior quarterback who can step in and run the spread offense, freeing up last year's quarterback to play a variety of other positions.

Unofficially, Apache Junction's varsity squad won the scrimmage, two touchdowns to none. The Prospectors, in their 20 of

fensive plays, picked up 134 yards on the ground and 44 more through the air. In twenty plays for Sunrise Mountain, the Mustangs picked up 52 rushing yards and 25 more through the air but also had an interception and gave up a sack.

It didn't seem to matter who carried the pigskin for the Prospectors. Behind its offensive line anchored by seniors Cy Maughmer and Stephen Hughes, Apache Junction, who led the entire nation in rushing offense after four games of the 2008 season, picked right up where they left off.

Senior Terry Eytcheson

was the most explosive back for the Prospectors, breaking off runs of 24, 16 and 14 yards and finishing with 57 total on just four carries. A year ago, Eytcheson ran for 605 yards and had a team-high 8.07-yards-per-carry.

Senior quarterback Nate Scola, last year's starter who ran for 786 yards and 10 touchdowns in '08, picked up 35 yards on five carries and completed his only pass of 12 yards to junior wide-out Kyrel Parker. Scola did most of his damage from the full-back position, bolting once

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*(above) Prospector defensive back Derek Hoffman (#16 in white jersey) makes a terrific play here to break up a pass attempt by Sunrise Mountain during last Wednesday's scrimmage played in Peoria.*



*(above) Prospector running back Tanner Morgan fights off an ankle tackle to score a touchdown in last Wednesday's scrimmage held at Peoria Sunrise Mountain.*

**AJHS 2009 "Season Opener"**

Friday August 28th vs. Bradshaw Mtn. 7:00 p.m. start



VS.


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*(above) There was some speculation that junior quarterback Roy Machuca may see action starting at QB for the Prospectors this season. Here, Machuca warms up prior to last Wednesday's scrimmage at Peoria Sunrise Mountain. In the scrimmage, Machuca tossed a 32-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Derek Hoffman*

# Four Peaks PTO Scholars' Party



*Eleven of Four Peaks Elementary School's finest students gathered for their Scholars' of Distinction Party this past Monday evening for a celebration and reward of their "straight A's" report cards. The 11 FPES students who ace their Spring 2009 report cards were invited to stay after school Monday for some basketball, dodge ball, tether ball, socky and Wii sports, along with a delicious taco salad reward dinner prepared by the Parent Teacher Organization officers (PTO). The students are (from left right) Daniel Lundquest, Christina Carmichael, Laura Casperson, Sage Lewis, Natalie Doebler, Jasmyne Jackson, Grifyn Davis, Dalton Combs, Wyatt Justice and Eric Mora. Also pictured is FPES Coach Gay Hayward. Missing from the photo and also a Scholar of Distinction, is Cameron Kunkle. Thanks to the FPES PTO and congratulations to all Scholars of Distinction. (submitted photo)*



**Apache Trail High School**

**Member Arizona Charter Athletic Association "Class B"**

**First Game**  
Friday, August 28, vs. (Yuma) Harvest Prep 7 p.m. (Prospector Park)